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In the Claims:

1-18. (canceled)

19. (new) A tape that is formed in a roll, comprising:

a length of support material, said support material having an adhesive and a

color former coated thereon, wherein, when a portion of said length of support

material is separated from a remainder of said length of said support material, a

tear site is formed on said remainder of said tape where said portion of said

length of support material is removed from said remainder of said length of

support material, and said color former that is present at said tear site is exposed

to a color developer at said tear site, and said color former reacts with said color

developer to form a demarcation along said tear site, wherein said demarcation

is of contrasting color to said support material.

(new) A tape that is formed in a roll as described in Claim 19, wherein said color 20.

former is encapsulated.

21. (new) A tape that is formed in a roll as described in Claim 19, wherein said color

former and said color developer are combined in a layer that is present on said

length of support material.

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22. (new) A tape that is formed in a roll as described in Claim 19, wherein said tape

comprises an adhesive layer that comprises said adhesive and a color former

layer that comprises said color former, and wherein said adhesive layer and said

color former layer are present on said length of support material.

23. (new) A tape that is formed in a roll as described in Claim 22, wherein said

adhesive layer comprises a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

24. (new) A tape that is formed in a roll as described in Claim 19, wherein said tape

comprises an adhesive layer that comprises said adhesive, and an additional

layer, said additional layer comprising said color former and said color developer,

and wherein said adhesive layer and said additional layer are present on said

length of support material.

25. (new) A tape that is formed in a roll as described in Claim 24, wherein said

adhesive layer comprises a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

26. (new) A tape that is formed in a roll as described in Claim 19, wherein said tape

comprises a layer that is present on said length of support material, and said

layer comprises said adhesive and said color former.

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27. (new) A tape that is formed in a roll as described in Claim 26, wherein said adhesive is a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

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28. (new) A tape that is formed in a roll as described in Claim 19, wherein said tape

comprises an adhesive layer that comprises said adhesive, a color former layer

that comprises said color former, and a color developer layer that comprises said

color developer, and wherein said adhesive layer, said color former layer, and

said color developer layer are present on said length of support material.

29. (new) A tape that is formed in a roll as described in Claim 19, wherein said color

former is a chromogenic material.

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